

# R. R. Irvine Sr., Community Builder, Dies at Residence

## RESPECTED MERCHANT IS CALLED

**Well-Known Pioneer Merchant Passes Away After Health Fails; Was Extremely Active In Business.**

R. R. Irvine, Sr., one of the pioneer merchants of this city and one of the most substantial community builders of this section, passed to the great beyond shortly after midnight Monday, at the family home, 278 North University Avenue. Mr. Irvine had been in failing health for a long time, although he had been able to be up and around until a very short time ago.

### **Native of Scotland—**

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, July 15, 1844, Mr. Irvine came to Utah in 1864. For a while he freighted between the Missouri river and Salt Lake for Hooper and Eldredge, one of the pioneer firms of Utah.

He was a member of the first surveying party of the Union Pacific railroad from Green River to the California state line. Later he became connected with the Walker Bros. store in Salt Lake and left there to become manager of all the retail sales departments of the Z. C. M. L.

His advent into Provo business circles was in 1889, when he became the senior partner in Irvine and Burney, one of the early business establishments of this city. He withdrew from this firm in 1896 and with his son, R. R. Irvine, Jr., established Irvine and Son, one of the leading dry goods stores of Utah county. He retained management of this business until several years ago when it was sold to J. B. Ashton, who is now conducting the business under the name of Irvine, Inc.

### **Religious Activity—**

Mr. Irvine has always taken an unusual interest in civic and religious affairs. He served the L. D. S. church in the British mission in 1880, and was always one of the pillars of the Provo Fourth ward, of which he has been a member for many years. His activities in civic and community affairs were early recognized by the residents of Provo who elected him to serve on the city council.

On January 12, 1887, Mr. Irvine was married in the endowment house in Salt Lake City to Miss Annie Steele Miller, who, with two sons and three daughters, survive, as follows: R. R. Irvine, Jr., of Salt Lake; David A. Irvine, of Modesto, Calif.; Mrs. Albert Mabey, Mrs. John Nusink, and Miss Margaret Irvine, all of Provo.

Funeral services will be held in the stake tabernacle Friday at 1:30 o'clock. Friends may view the body at the residence prior to the services.